



# City of Yankton

September 26, 2008

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Brian Gustafson, Administrator  
Air Quality Program  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
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Pierre, South Dakota 57501

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Dear Mr. Gustafson:

Please accept this letter as our city's formal comment requesting SD DENR to approve the Hyperion Energy Center air permit. I strongly believe that this project is a great opportunity for the State of South Dakota and our nation.

The Yankton City Commission passed Resolution #08-15 at its March 10, 2008, meeting encouraging cooperation between governing bodies in the progress of this important project. A copy of that resolution is attached to this letter.

The economic benefit the state, region, and nation will see from this project is tremendous. Thousands of new jobs, new tax revenue and tremendous growth as a result of this project will benefit all South Dakotans not to mention allowing South Dakota to take a leadership role in helping America to increase its energy security.

Thank you for your time and diligent attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doug Russell".

Doug Russell  
City Manager

cc: Board of Minerals and Environment



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**RESOLUTION #08-15**

**City of Yankton Resolution of Welcome and Support  
For Hyperion Energy Center**

**WHEREAS**, Hyperion Energy Center has announced plans to build the most environmentally sound, state-of-the art, green energy center in the United States, including the first oil refinery built in this country since 1976; and

**WHEREAS**, Hyperion Energy Center will help to enhance America's petroleum independence by processing North American crude oil here in North America, will enhance our nation's petroleum refining capacity, and will raise the standard for the entire petroleum industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the facilities associated with Hyperion Energy Center will be designed to ensure optimal production efficiency with minimal impact on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hyperion Energy Center project will be constructed and operated in a manner that meets or exceeds all applicable regulatory and environmental rules, regulations, permits, guidelines, and approvals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hyperion Energy Center is committed to environmental stewardship and a green charter; and

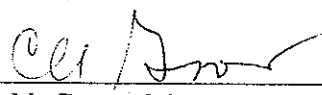
**WHEREAS**, the Hyperion Energy Center is committed to outstanding corporate citizenship and community involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hyperion Energy Center has identified an area in Union County, South Dakota, as a site of significant economic development and growth opportunities associated with this proposed project;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Yankton welcomes and supports the Hyperion Energy Center and looks forward to continuing to work with Hyperion, state and local officials, and area residents to advance this proposed project.

Dated at Yankton, South Dakota, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008

Adopted: 3-10-08

  
C. N. Gross, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Ann Clough, Deputy Finance Officer